



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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Revised Response on School Construction

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STATEMENT

Mr. Vice President-, on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago I wish to crave the indulgence of this Honourable House to clarify and amend the response to Question 62 on the Order paper which reads as follows:

“Could the Minister provide the Senate with a detailed breakdown of the expenditure for the construction of schools during the period January 01, 2002 to December 31, 2006, under the following headings :

- i. Early Childhood Education Centres***
- ii. Primary Schools and***
- iii. Secondary Schools?”***

The response to the question summarized that during the period in question the following expenditure was incurred in the construction of schools:-

Category	No of Schools	Amount \$
ECCE	18	21,700,000.00
Primary Schools	18	66,545,553.32
Secondary Schools	<u>11</u>	<u>151,456,160.02</u>
Total	47	239,701,713.34

The technical advice given is that the expenditure for the construction of schools comprises, among other things, the cost of acquiring the land, design fees and actual construction costs. As such, the Government wishes to clarify that expenditure reported in the response, referred to expenditure on various stages of the construction process. Particular reference is made to the expenditure on the primary and secondary schools which can be classified into the following broad categories:-

	Primary	Secondary
Acquisition of land	2	
Fees	6	
Fees and Construction	2	8
Construction Costs	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	18	11

Primary Schools

	Schools	Total Expenditure \$	Remarks
1	Princes Town Presbyterian No.2	3,233,828.57	Construction costs
2	Moulton Hall Methodist	1,087,833.39	Construction costs
3	Western Boys' Roman Catholic	603,700.31	Construction costs
4	South Oropouche Government	8,935,943.26	Construction costs
5	El Socorro South Government	8,707,798.80	Construction costs
6	Waterloo Hindu	6,667,919.86	Construction costs
7	Lengua T.I.A.	8,069,235.43	Construction costs
8	Pt. Fortin Anglican	16,608,099.18	Construction costs
9	New Grant Government	74,910.00	Acquisition of land
10	Icacos Government	4,302,760.63	Fees and construction
11	St. Mary's Government	2,260,976.56	Fees
12	Tranquility Government	529,203.18	Fees
13	St. Barbara's Spiritual Shouter Baptist	902,078.76	Fees
14	Palo Seco Government	165,256.25	Fees
15	Arima West Government	529,203.16	Fees
16	Arima New Government	529,203.16	Fees
17	St. Paul's Anglican	3,317,602.82	Fees and construction
18	D'Abadie Government	20,000.00	Acquisition of land
	TOTAL	66,545,553.32	

Secondary Schools

	School	Total Expenditure \$	Remarks
1	Caroni Village SDMS Boys' Secondary	447,800.00	Fees
2	Charlieville ASJA Boys' Secondary	23,301,048.97	Fees and construction
3	Charlieville ASJA Girls' Secondary	22,786,597.41	Fees and construction
4	Holy Name Convent, Pt. Fortin	8,247,133.63	Fees and construction
5	Saraswati Girls' Hindu College	524,426.66	Construction costs
6	Barrackpore ASJA Girls' College	24,239,851.04	Fees and construction
7	Sangre Grande SWAHA Hindu College	14,901,484.22	Fees and construction
8	Tunapuna ASJA Girls' College	9,641,849.92	Fees and construction
9	Palo Seco Government Secondary	10,437,556.60	Fees and construction
10	Vishnu Boys' Secondary (Formerly Caroni Village SDMS Boys)	20,899,368.74	Construction costs
11	Miracle Ministries High School	16,029,042.83	Fees and construction
	TOTAL	151,456,160.02	

In addition, the Government wishes to advise that expenditure on schools constructed under the “**Fourth Basic Education Project**” and expenditure under the **SEMP Phase II** project were inadvertently omitted in the response. Accordingly, the Government wishes to amend its response to state that expenditure was also incurred in the construction of the following twelve (12) primary and eleven (11) secondary schools:-

Primary Schools

Schools	Cost \$
1) Caratal R.C. Primary	4,341,260
2) Chaguanas North Primary	12,659,820
3) Couva South Primary	6,561,230
4) Cunupia Gov't Primary	17,009,011
5) Iere Gov't Primary	7,328,345
6) Nelson Street Boys Primary	6,214,180
7) Princes Town Methodist	10,607,472
8) San Fernando Girls' Primary	8,612,143
9) Ste Madeline Primary	12,882,516
10) Buccoo Gov't Primary	3,940,427
11) Castara Gov't Primary	4,865,577
12) Scarborough Methodist	13,321,685
Total	<u>108,343,666</u>

Secondary Schools

Schools	Cost \$
1) Guaico Gov't Sec.	20,327,580
2) Mason Hall Gov't Sec	36,925,842
3) Goodwood High School	19,600,000
4) Bon Air High School	27,500,000
5) Guayaguayare High School	21,600,000
6) La Romaine High School	28,700,000
7) Preysal High School	25,500,000
8) Rio Claro High School	21,600,000
9) Speyside High School	19,600,000
10) Vessigny High School	25,500,000
11) Russell Latapy	18,307,987
Total	<u>265,161,409</u>

Mr. Vice President, this Government has incurred expenditure on the construction of seventy (70) schools, twenty three (23) more than initially stated. Heavy weather has been made of the figures given in the response to Question 62 and in this context the Government wishes to make it abundantly clear that what actually occurred was that the total number of schools that the Government spent money on was understated in the previous response whereby schools constructed under the "Fourth Basic Education Project" and the SEMP Phase II project were omitted.

Furthermore, the Government wishes to point out that the figures for school maintenance and repairs were not included in the previous response to Question 62. Accordingly, in respect of school maintenance, expansion, upgrade and repairs, this Government spent \$269,331,085 on primary schools and \$165,836,152 on secondary schools during the period 2002 – 2006.

The Ministry of Education is now in the process of instituting a Computer Maintenance and Management System that would track all projects and assets of the Ministry and thereby prevent such omissions associated with a manual system. The revised summary of expenditure on schools is therefore:-

Category	No of Schools	Amount \$
ECCE	18	21,700,000.00
Primary Schools	30	174,889,219.32
Secondary Schools	22	416,617,569.02
Total	70	613,206,788.34

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